

REMARKS

Claims 4, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26 are amended herein and claims 35-68 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-34 and 69-76 are directed to allowable subject matter. The Examiner stated that withdrawn claims 35-68 remain in the application. By the present Amendment, claims 35-68 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice, for purposes of expediting the allowance of the application with the remaining claims.

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to as being longer than 150 words. In response, the abstract is amended herein to reduce the number of words to a total below 150 words. Attached as a replacement sheet is the amended abstract page. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner stated that the phrase "the outlet chamber" lacks antecedent basis in those claims. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that those claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, in response, Applicant has amended each of claims 4, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26 to change the phrase "the outlet chamber" to "an outlet chamber." It is submitted that the claims, as amended, are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 4, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26 is respectfully traversed, in view of those claims as amended herein.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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